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Beginning to fall of 1948

1. a. The construction of a new aluminum plant was allegedly planned near **CHEREPOVETS** (37°55' E/59°7' N), Vologda Oblast, to take advantage of the local bauxite occurrences. So far, only preliminary construction work was done. Full operation of the plant is not expected to start before thirty years have elapsed.

25X1X b. Location: See Annex.

August 1948 to March 1949

2. a. Location: The construction sites of the projected metallurgical plant and bauxite mines were on both sides of **CHEREPOVETS** on the right bank of the Sheksma River.
- b. Size: The construction site of the metallurgical plant extended over at least one and a half miles.
- c. Construction activities: Only the building sites of the projected plant were marked. Drillings were made to test the solidity of the ground for foundation work.
- d. Construction data: Source does not know whether construction will start in 1949. He learned that construction will allegedly take three years. A total labor force of thirty thousand men is to be assigned to the work. Eighteen four-story stone buildings, 200 x 65 feet each, have already been built and, according to source, probably represent an initial

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housing project for labor accomodation.

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September to November 1948

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3. Location: The bauxite occurrences near ~~CHEREPOVETS~~ extended from the eastern part of the town in a southeastern direction.

b. Bauxite occurrences: It could be observed from the PW camp located at the eastern outskirts of the town that since about September 1948 drillings were made in the area east and southeast of the camp, in some places even nearing the camp border.

It soon became known that bauxite had been found in this area. It was assumed that bauxite production could start early in 1949.

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Comment:

a. The report confirms previous report dated February 1949.

b. One source [REDACTED], who reported the construction of a plant mentioned that this plant probably will be built to utilize the prospected bauxite occurrences.

1 Annex: Projected Aluminum Plant Near ~~CHEREPOVETS~~, Vologda Oblast.

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